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Mr. Michael J. Levy
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Dear Mickey,

I'm sorry we have not been able to get together. Travel is not easy for me now but on each of my last two trips to DC Jim Meszar either spoke to you or tried. I presume he didn't get you by the night of 2/17 because you did not meet me where I said I'd be early the next morning.

I don't know when I'll be there again but Jim will.

There really is nothing I can do about the fostered mythologies. Sometimes they get annoying enough for me to react but mostly I ignore them. As I remember it you phoned when I was off on a rather intensive trip for one with my current medical problems. My wife relayed the message and I not only took it as of serious purpose but appreciate it. That was mid-December. While with reminding from my wife and Jim I still have no clear recollection of your earlier call, I have no doubt that you did and I blew up over something.

As of now, with all I'm into and limitations of the time I can work, my spectro/NAA interest is in a) bringing out what is still suppressed and b) perfecting the court record. On the second, including to save the law.

My own record on this is persistently misrepresented. I always offered all I got to anyone. I went public with some of what I got as soon as I got it. I went public with what is called "all" 4/25/75 at a New York City press conference. Some there made copies. Almost anybody can have copies now, as at any time earlier once I had the government firmly committed, in writing.

It is a common practise to write requests behind me, letting Jim and me bear all the cost and the great burden and picking up chips for the cost of xeroxing and then to make great claims and boasts in self-promotion. If I don't really care that much about others reusing my condoms, so to speak, I do wish they had concerns about whether or not they have holes. There are very few people who have a really good command of the material and of these judgement is not always good, especially political judgement (not in the party sense). These and those who pretend an expertise they do not have regularly louse things up. My dislike of this is neither personal nor selfish as in time, if you stay with this, you'll learn.

So, if you have reason to believe ~~that~~^{if} when Lane started his efforts to make more self-promotions out of this and when despite all his big talk he didn't even file either of the original suits -or any - he got anything I didn't, it would be good for Jim to know for use in court. The possibility exists that you do know, what I think my wife took from your call. If not and if you don't want me to go over copies of what you have, you are perfectly welcome to go over what I have. If I have what you do not you are welcome to copies. I also have a considerable selection from scientific literature. You are welcome to make copies here for the actual cost to me if you'll do the copying. I am not supposed to stand still very long. If you want to carry the effort with the literature forward (if you have not done it on your own) it can be helpful to us in court. I have no writing plans of any kind on this. Your Gallagher interview can be very important. I do think it would be worth the time to make as complete a written record of it as you now can. Of the raw material, I think I know pretty well what was withheld because I know what has to have been done and was not given to me. I also know beyond questions what was done and is denied. This is separate from what should have been but I can't prove was. Sorry about the typos. Thanks and best,
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February 12th, 1976

Mr. James H. Lesar
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Dear James Lesar:

As I promised, here is a copy of the letter I sent to Kevin W. of CCI (Citizens Commission of Inquiry).

I am sorry I was not able to attend the hearing of the appeals case. But I do hope things went well.

It might be good if we got together sometime in the future for a mutual exchange of ideas and materials.

Best,

Mickey

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November 17th, 1975

Mr. Kevin R. Walsh
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Dear Kevin,

I received the materials and your enclosed letter dated November 8th a few days ago. Thank you for keeping me up-to-date. The newsletter was excellent, though I was somewhat surprised to see so much stuff on the CIA.

After reading the letter you enclosed from Paul Hoch, I was somewhat amazed. For the better part of two paragraphs he directly implies that I conclusively stated in my memorandum to you of October 21st that specimen Q1, the bullet fragment found at Parkland Hospital, and Q9, the bullet fragment removed from the arm of John Connally, came from different bullets. I did no such thing; did not even imply it. What I did state was the probability of whether Q1 and Q9 did or did not come from the same bullet, nothing more. If anything at all is to be drawn from the results of the t-test, it is that Q1 and Q9 were not conclusively shown to originate from the same bullet. But the reverse, to state that Q1 and Q9 did not originate from the same bullet, is not possible, looking at the results objectively. I do not understand how the conclusion in the abovementioned memorandum could be so erroneously interpreted. I would agree, however, with Paul Hoch to stray away from such terminology as "the odds are" in stating whether or not Q1 and Q9 came from the same bullet. But once again I must state those were not my words.

In your letter you asked me about the FBI technician who assisted in the NAA of the bullet fragments recovered in the assassination investigation of President Kennedy; his name, the substance of the conversation I had with him, etc. He is John F. Gallagher and his Beltsville telephone# is 937-2167.

To repeat the conversation Mr. Gallagher and I had would be too much to put in a letter. We talked about an hour. There are, however, several points from that conversation that stick out in my mind. Right off, I learned there were many materials relating to the tests not sent to you as per Mark Lane's FOIA requests. Mr. Gallagher described the material as "two inches thick." He went on to say there were "charts, graphs, notes, and computer printouts." Contradictorily, Mr. John Kilty, an FBI NAA specialist who put the NAA packet together subsequently received by you later stated to me that he had sent out all the materials requested by Mr. Lane.

Further on into the conversation Mr. Gallagher also said there

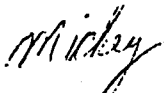
many memorandums relating to the NAA tests. "Memorandums?" I questioned. "I thought there was only supposed to be one memorandum (relating to the tests)." I went on to say I was referring to the one dated July 8th, 1964 from Mr. Hoover to Mr. Rankin. He then said, "if that's all you've got, then that's all there was. Here it got confusing. I returned by saying, "memorandums?" again. Then I got this: yes, there were others, no, there were no others. He explained this seeming contradiction by saying matter-of-factly, "I had to make up a memorandum every time I went on a trip or to the bathroom." The point he was trying to make, I assume, was that all the other memorandums, excluding the one from Hoover to Rankin, were of little significance.

Mr. Gallagher again contradicts himself later. I asked him why more trace-elements had not been tested for and he said that besides antimony and silver, all others would have been "trash elements", unless there were any "exotic" elements present. However in the May 30th edition of the Boston Globe he is quoted as saying, "We'd love to have had others, but this was the best we could do for the state of the art at the time. And remember, if you will, that in a previous memorandum to you I pointed out that a spectrographic analysis on the bullet fragments determined there were at least a half-dozen others shown to be present. Mr. Gallagher's assertion that a greater number of trace-element quantitative determinations would be of no greater benefit in the analysis of the bullet fragments directly refutes the belief held by all other experts I have talked with.

Before closing, may I make three requests. First, could I have a copy of Paul Hoch's first letter? Second, could you send me a copy of the t-test, if it is done at Cornell? And the third, may I look over the manuscript that was brought in to you the day I was there? It detailed how the assassination allegedly took place. It might give a few leads. We should get together sometime soon, anyway, to compare notes and consolidate ideas/leads.

Oh, yes, a final comment. One of the comments the researcher at Cornell makes is that it would be of some advantage to determine if the bullets in the investigation came from different batches. Regardless, this would have no bearing on whether any of the fragments came from any particular bullet.

Sincerely,



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